

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 9, 1917, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. Monday, April 9, 1917. My darling Alec:

I am scared at letting you go North all alone at this season of all others. I wouldn't have minded your going in March, but now it is dreadful and I am so afraid you will take cold either going to Stewiak or driving from Orangedale.

Don't forget to take one of those cascara pills if you need one in the least. I almost put that in my telegram to Parkers, but decided to spare your feelings.

It was just like an early March day here. The water froze outside, but fortunately the snow saved David's beautiful cherry blossoms from annihilation.

I have been working hard making Mabel's dress for Lilian's fancy dress birthday party and was quite pleased with the result. I only hope I won't be aghast at the damage done!

The party was held here and was a very pretty one. I don't see why we can't wake up to the realization that white is a very trying color for anyone. It's sanitary but if you would only see it, it's ugly, as ugly and opposed to nature as black. The Japanese and Chinese never wear white except as mourning.

I am getting very much worried about David and fear Daisy will be. I don't believe his heart is right, he is so very tired nights and he admits that he feels it going up-stairs.

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Do please write me, at least dictate something to Casey's stenographer. I am so anxious to know all about everything. Daisy is expected tomorrow and poor David doesn't know whether she is coming at 6:45 or 8:30 and so must get up on the chance.

Much love — all my heart. Your Mabel.